

May 21, 2001

Mrs. Kay Duda
C/o St. Martin North Elementary School
16308 Lemoyne Boulevard
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

Dear Mrs. Duda:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I want to commend you for the years of dedication you have given to the students at St. Martin North Elementary. You have faithfully shared your gift for teaching music to young children through the past twenty-five years with twenty-two of those years at St. Martin North. I also understand that you worked for the State of Mississippi for two years prior to teaching music.

As the famous scientist, Lewis Thomas said, "*Science will...produce the data..., but never the full meaning. For perceiving real significance, we shall need...most of all the brains of poets, [and] also those of artists, musicians, philosophers, historians, and writers in general.*" Dedicated teachers impact not only the lives of their students, but also impact their communities, their state, and their country.

As you conclude your career as a leader, mentor, educator and friend, be assured that your efforts will forever serve as an inspiration for those who follow in your footsteps, to continue to build bright futures for our children.

Very truly yours,

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